

Oral Genealogy Zimbabwe

Total Population: 13.8 Million

Estimated Oral Genealogy Names: 13 Million

Ethnic Groups: African 99.4% (predominantly Shona; Ndebele is the second largest ethnic group), other 0.4%, unspecified 0.2% (2012 est.)

Languages: Shona (official; most widely spoken), Ndebele (official, second most widely spoken), English (official; traditionally used for official business), 13 minority languages (official; includes Chewa, Chibarwe, Kalanga, Koisan, Nambya, Ndau, Shangani, sign language, Sotho, Tonga, Tswana, Venda, and Xhosa)

LDS Membership: 31,465

Top Priorities for Oral Genealogy Collection

Priority	State	# of poss. Interviews	Estimated # of names
	Manicaland	5,594.61	1,958,114
	Masvingo	4,918.62	1,721,516
	Midlands	5,022.01	1,757,702
	Mashonaland West	4,695.46	1,643,412
	Mashonaland East	4,417.60	1,546,160
	Mashonaland Central	3,884.32	1,359,513
	Matabeleland North	2,526.97	884,439
	Harare Province	3,858.03	1,350,312
	Bulawayo Province	3,485.78	1,220,023

- Priorities to be adjusted based on further evaluation and in-country feedback
- Estimates are based on population models. Actual numbers will not be determined until interviews are conducted

